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Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Yemen:* draft resolution

30/... Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the relevant human rights treaties,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 2014 (2011) of 21 October 2011, 2051 (2012) of 12 June 2012 and 2140 (2014) of 26 February 2014, and Human Rights Council resolutions 18/19 of 29 September 2011, 19/29 of 23 March 2012, 21/22 of 27 September 2012, 24/32 of 27 September 2013 and 27/19 of 25 September 2014,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 2216 (2015) of 14 April 2015,

Recognizing that the promotion and the protection of human rights are key factors in ensuring a fair and equitable justice system and, ultimately, reconciliation and stability for the country,

Welcoming the acceptance by Yemeni political parties to complete the political transition process on the basis of the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative and its implementation mechanism, and emphasizing the need for the implementation of the recommendations made in the outcome document of the National Dialogue Conference, and to complete the drafting of a new Constitution,

Welcoming also the results of the meeting of Yemeni political parties in Riyadh on 17 May 2015 to find a political solution of the conflict in Yemen on the basis of the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative, the outcomes of the National Dialogue Conference and Security Council resolution 2216 (2015), and the efforts of the Secretary-General and of his Special Envoy for Yemen,

Recalling its call for an investigation into all cases of violations and abuses of human rights and of violations of international humanitarian law, and the relevant call made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

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Welcoming Presidential Decree No. 13 of 7 September 2015 appointing the members of the national independent commission of inquiry to investigate all previous violations and violations since September 2014, in accordance with Human Rights Council resolutions 24/32 and 27/19,

Aware of reports by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that the existing humanitarian emergency affects the enjoyment of social and economic rights,

Noting the temporary interruption of the provision of technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights owing to the deterioration in the political and security situation in Yemen,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Yemen[1] and of the debate held during the thirtieth session of the Human Rights Council, as well as the statement and comments by the Government of Yemen on the report and its willingness to cooperate with the United Nations and the Office of the High Commissioner;

2. *Expresses deep concern* at the serious abuse and violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law in Yemen through the use of armed force by Saleh and Houthi militias against the Government to achieve political goals, the continued recruitment of children contrary to international treaties, the abduction of political activists, the arrest of journalists, the killing of civilians, the prevention of access by relief and humanitarian aid, the cutting of electricity and water supplies and the attacks against hospitals and ambulances;

3. *Calls upon* all parties in Yemen to respect their obligations under international human rights law and international humanitarian law and to ensure humanitarian access to the affected population;

4. *Calls upon* the Government to take measures to protect civilians, and to take appropriate measures to ensure the effective investigation into all cases of violations and abuse of human rights and of violations of international humanitarian law, including cases of violence against journalists and the detention of journalists and political activists;

5. *Calls upon* all parties in Yemen to implement fully Security Council resolution 2216 (2015), which will contribute to an improvement in the situation of human rights and which contains specific concerns and places particular demands on Saleh and Houthi militias to release political prisoners and journalists and to engage in the political process in an inclusive, peaceful and democratic way;

6. *Demands* that armed groups end the recruitment and use of children and release those who have already been recruited, and calls upon all parties to cooperate with the United Nations for their reintegration into their communities, taking into consideration the relevant recommendations made by the Secretary-General in his report on children and armed conflict;[2]

7. *Reiterates* the commitments and obligations of the Government of Yemen to promote and protect the human rights of all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction, and in that connection recalls that Yemen is a party to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural

[1] A/HRC/30/31.

[2] A/68/878–S/2014/339.

Rights, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocols on the involvement of children in armed conflict and on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography thereto, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and looks forward to the Government continuing its efforts to promote and protect human rights;

8. *Expresses deep concern* at the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Yemen, expresses its appreciation to donor States, and calls upon the international community to provide financial support for the Yemen humanitarian response plan for 2015, and to fulfil their pledges to the relevant United Nations humanitarian appeal;

9. *Invites* all bodies of the United Nations system, including the Office of the High Commissioner, and Member States to assist the transitional process in Yemen, including by supporting the mobilization of resources to tackle the consequences of the violence and the economic and social challenges faced by Yemen, in coordination with the international donor community and according to the priorities set by the Yemeni authorities;

10. *Requests* the High Commissioner to provide technical assistance and to work with the Government of Yemen in the field of capacity-building and to identify additional areas of assistance to enable Yemen to fulfil its human rights obligations, and to assist the national independent commission of inquiry in its work, as required;

11. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to present to the Human Rights Council, at its thirty-third session, a progress report on the situation of human rights in Yemen, and on the follow-up to the present resolution and to previous relevant Council resolutions.